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SUBJECT : STATE OF MARYLAND GROUP TRAVEL TO MIDDLE EAST

REF : STATE 109727

1. RESERVATIONS AT BAHRAIN HILTON IN NAME OF "MIDDLE EAST
TRADE PARTY" FOR SIX DOUBLES CONFIRMED. FLIGHTS OUT OF BAHRAIN
STAND RECONFIRMED.

2. LIKE ABU DHABI (REF ABU DHABI 1172) IT WOULD BE USEFUL
FOR EMBASSY TO RECEIVE LIST OF CONTACTU IN BAHRAIN WHICH
MARYLAND GROUP HAS ALREADY CONTACTED (STATE 92710). IN THE
MEANTIME, EMBASSY WILL PROCEED TO: (A) NOTIFY LOCAL FIRMS;
(B) NOTIFY BAHRAIN CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES WHICH WILL CIRCULARIZE ITS
MEMBERS: (C) ISSUE PRESS RELEASE FOR BOTH ARABIC AND ENGLISH
LANGUAGE PRESS: (D) PLAN RECEPTION AT HOME OF ECONOMIC/COMMER-
CIAL OFFICER FOR EVENING OF WEDNESDAY MAY 26 FOR GROUP AND
GOVT/BUSINESS LEADERS: (E) SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVT
OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE SECTOR FIRMS RELEVANT TO INTEREST OF
GROUP MEMBERS.

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3. EMBASSY WILL ALSO ASSIST AT AIRPORT FOR BOTH ARRIVALS

AND DEPARTURES BAHRAIN. IN WHICH REGARD, IT WOULD BE
EASIER FOR GROUP IF IT ARRIVES WITH BAHRAINI VISA.
OTHERWISE 72 HOUR VISA AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT WOULD HAVE TO
BE EXTENDED FOR FINAL DAY'S STAY.

4. IF GROUP IS PREPARED TO PAY FOR SERVICE, EMBASSY IS
ALSO ABLE TO SET UP GROUP SECRETARY WHO WOULD COORDINATE
APPOINTMENTS AND OPERATE OUT OF HOTEL ROOM. MOST MISSIONS
FIND THIS ARRANGEMENT INDISPENSABLE FOR ORDERLY HANDLING
OF SCHEDULES. SECRETARY'S FEE APPROXIMATELY \$30 PER
DAY PLUS LUNCH AT HOTEL. ADVISE IF SERVICE DESIRED.

5. EMBASSY REGRETS IT IS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION
FOR GROUP WHICH WILL HAVE TO RELY ON USUALLY AVAILABLE
TAXI SERVICE.

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